

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-10 (canceled)

11. (currently amended) Granulated gas charges having combustion vapors that are free of nitrogen oxide and are deficient in carbon monoxide, comprising

- a) 5 to 50% by weight of a binding agent;
- b) oxidizing agents in a quantity 0 to 90% by weight of an oxidizing agent; and
- c) 0 to 75% by weight of ~~an~~ a nitrogen free organic fuel.

12. (previously presented) Gas charges according to claim 11, wherein the binding agent is at least one binder selected from the group consisting of cellulose acetate, cellulose acetobutyrate, cellulose triacetate, nitrocellulose and polyvinyl butyral.

13. (currently amended) Gas charges according to claim 11, wherein the oxidizing agent is at least one oxidizing agent selected from the group consisting of from alkali perchlorates, alkaline earth ~~metal~~, metal perchlorates, zinc peroxide, iron oxides, cerium dioxide, copper oxide, manganese dioxide and permanganates.

14. (previously presented) Gas charges according to claim 11, wherein the oxidizing agent is potassium perchlorate.

15. (currently amended) Gas charges according to claim 11, wherein the organic fuels are acids selected from the group consisting of ~~terephthalic~~ terephthalic acid, fumaric acid and ascorbic acid.

16. (previously presented) Gas charges according to claim 11, wherein the gas charges further comprise at least one aggregate.

17. (previously presented) Gas charges according to claim 16, wherein said aggregate is a combustion moderator.

18. (previously presented) Gas charges according to claim 16, wherein the aggregate is selected from the group consisting of aluminum oxide, zinc oxide, alkali metal silicates, alkaline earth metal silicates, mineral clays, cement, gypsum, alkali metal carbonates alkaline earth metal carbonates, alkali metal oxalates, alkaline earth metal oxalates, and oxalic acid.

19. (previously presented) Gas charges according to claim 11, wherein the gas charges further comprise a coating additives selected from the group consisting of graphite, water glass, nitrates of alkali metal, perchlorates of alkali metals, nitrates of alkaline earth metals and perchlorates of alkaline earth metals.

20-23 (canceled)

24. (new) A gas charge consisting of from 57-75 percent by weight potassium perchlorate and from 22 to 25 weight percent of at least one of cellulose acetate and cellulose acetobutyrate.

25. (new) A gas charge consisting of 20 percent by weight cellulose acetate, 57 percent by weight potassium perchlorate, and 23 percent aluminum oxide.